

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re application of: Livshits et al.****Application No.: 09/466,935****Filing Date: December 20, 1999****For: NOVEL GENE AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO  
ACIDS****Art Unit: 1652****Examiner: Steadman****Attorney Ref. No.: US-126****Via Facsimile to 703 872 9306****RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER****SEP 07 2004****AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 35 C.F.R. §1.111****Mail Stop Non-fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450****Sir:**

In response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time, extending the time period for response to September 7, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.